

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-4 and 19-26 are pending and under consideration. Claims 19-25 are allowed.

Regarding the rejection based on Lee, it is noted that independent claim 3 recites controlling the drum driver and thereby rotating the at least one kneading drum slowly, at a predetermined position before approaching a turning position of the at least one kneading drum based on the rotated position sensed by the rotation sensing part, by decreasing rotation torque of the at least one kneading drum. This feature was previously pointed out, and the Examiner presently asserts that the rotation in Lee is done at a slow pace. However, this is not achieved based on the rotated position sensed by the rotation sensing part.

With respect to WO '100, the Examiner indicates that the controller rotates the kneading drums according to information provided by a bar code. However, the bar code information of this reference relates to a baking sequence (see page 9 of the reference).

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.


Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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